

(Milwaukee, WI)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore announced the winners of the 2005 High School Congressional Art Competition from Wisconsin's Fourth District. Every year talented high school students across the country compete for the opportunity to have their artwork hung in the U.S. Capitol. The top winner from each Congressional district is then flown to Washington, D.C. to be honored alongside other winners.

"I am just amazed by the talent displayed by students in my district, and I am pleased to award Ms. Jennifer Otten with this year's top prize," Congresswoman Moore said. "This competition gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the creativity and artistic talents around us, particularly that of our youth."

Thirty-six students representing nine schools from throughout the Congressional district submitted works of art. Mr. David Anderson, Ms. Susan Catral, Mr. Raoul Deal, Mr. Francisco Mora, Ms. Zene Peer, Ms. Kou Vang, and Ms. Kate Weishaar voluntarily served on a panel as independent judges to evaluate each submission.

Ms. Otten, a junior at Rufus King High School, won first place with a piece entitled "Not a Self-Portrait." Ms. Otten and her parents will have the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the exhibit featuring all of the winning artwork on Tuesday, June 14 at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Second place and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond went to Ms. Seng Her, also a junior at Rufus King High School, for her piece entitled "Symphony Duet Swan." Mr. Edwin Huertas, a senior at Rufus King High School, won third place and a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond for his piece entitled "Allie's Obsession." Mr. Ken Campbell of Rufus King High School, Ms. Julianna Smith of Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Ms. Allison Schwartz of Rufus King High School, and Ms. Tammi Wilke of South Milwaukee High School each received Honorable Mentions and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

The Congressional Art Competition is held yearly and is open to current high school students. Students are permitted to submit two-dimensional works of art in the form of paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer-generated art, or photography. Congresswoman Moore encourages talented and eager art students to participate in next year's competition. Wisconsin's Fourth Congressional District, which Congresswoman Moore

represents, consists of the City of Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee, West Milwaukee, and part of West Allis.

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